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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 7902 ACTION SECSTATE, INFO ACCRA,
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QTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 7902

PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, HOROWITZ? QUACKENBUSH AND LINSENMAYER
PASS COMMERCE FOR ASST SECY BLACKWELL AND UPTON

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: ELAB, ILO

SUBJECT: ILO: ELECTION OF MARITIME CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

REF: GENEVA 7834

1. SUMMARY: BOTH NORWEGIAN AND SECRETARIAT SOURCES
BELIEVE HAREIDE HAS ELECTION SEWN UP. IT IS NOT CLEAR
WHETHER POLES WILL WITHDRAW THEIR CANDIDACY, SIMPLY
DECLINE TO NOMINATE THEIR CANDIDATE, OR FORCE THE ELECTION
TO A VOTE. END SUMMARY

2. NORWEGIAN MISOFF HOSTMARK TOLD US ON ASSUMPTION THAT
75 COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN MARITIME CONFERENCE, NORWAY
HAS COMMITMENT FROM SIXTY PERCENT TO VOET FOR HAREIDE.
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IF PROBABLE SUPPORT IS INCLUDED, HOSTMARK BELIEVES

HAREIDE HAS SEVENTY-TWO PERCENT OF VOTE. IN DISCUSSING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 12 IMEC MEETING, HOSTMARK FELT ELECTION ISSUE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT REASON IN ITSELF TO CONVOKE IMEC GROUP. HOSTMARK NOTED SUPPORT FOR HAREIDE FROM ARGENTINA, CHILE AND GHANA; AND ONGOING NORWEGIAN EFFORT WITH GOVERNMENT OF KENYA. IN CONTEXT OF HIS APPROACHES TO AFRICANS, HE SAID NIGERIA WOULD VOTE FOR POLISH CANDIDATE BUT PROBABLY ON BEHALF OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH NASZKOWSKI AND NOT ON BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM ACCRA.

3. DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL BOLIN ALSO BELIEVES HAREIDE ELECTION IS SURE THING. SOVIETS TOLD BOLIN THAT THEY NOW ESTIMATE HAREIDE'S STRENGTH AT SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT. BOLIN FEELS IT TOO EARLY TO ASSESS WHAT POLES WILL DECIDE, BUT SEEMS TO FEEL IT PROBABLE THAT THEY MAY SIMPLY DECLINE TO NOMINATE NASZKOWSKI.

4. BOLIN ALSO TOLD US THAT MEETING OF EAST EUROPEAN LABOR MINISTERS IN HAVANA LAST APRIL DECIDED POLAND WOULD SUPPLY CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY OF MARITIME CONFERENCE. SOMETIME LATER, SOVIETS TOLD BOLIN THEIR OBJECTIVE WAS NOT TO WIN BUT TO OBTAIN FORTY PERCENT OF THE VOTE. COMMENT: THIS SUGGESTS THAT SOVIET STRATEGY CALLS FOR SHOW OF STRENGTH INTENDED SUPPORT FUTURE CLAIM TO SIMILAR HIGH POSITIONS IN ILO (FOR EXAMPLE, PRESIDENCY OF GOVERNING BODY OR CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN).

5 ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT SEES NO OBJECTION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MISSION IF EMBASSY ACCRA COULD ASCERTAIN WHAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO GHANA DELEGATION ON ELECTION ISSUE. CATTO UNQTE: ROBINSON

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